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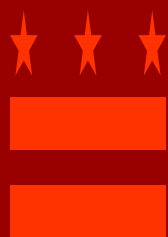
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Monday-Friday.....8:30AM-5:30PM
Saturday & Sunday.....Closed

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Chinatown Cultural Center

Grand Opening



DC Mayor Anthony Williams unveiled the grand opening.

Source: By Rich Lipski—The Washington Post

On Saturday, January 7, 2006, DC Mayor Anthony Williams participated as the principal guest of honor in the ribbon cutting ceremony, launching the first Chinatown Cultural Center located in the heart of Chinatown at 616 H Street NW. The goal of the Center is to promote cultural literacy and enhance the unique character of Chinatown. Organizers expect the Center to provide a venue for art exhibits, cultural performances, and language classes.

The celebration opened with a traditional Lion Dance. The ceremony came to order with Duane Wang, Co-founding Director and Vice-chair of the Chinatown Community Cultural Center, who highlighted the significance of the Center's opening and acknowledged Tony Cheng, Chi J. Chiang, Dr. Toon Lee, and Serina Moy as the Centers' founders. The Mayor also spoke about the significance of the Center's opening and Ambassador Wenzhong Zhou of the People's Republic of China presented a statute of a horse and a framed calligraphy artwork as gifts in gesture of friendship. Dr. Toon Lee closed the ceremonies and a reception followed. The Center's opening was attended by over a hundred guests, local politicians and officials. Food and drinks were catered compliments of by Tony Cheng's restaurant.



Year of the Dog

Lunar New Year is the one of the most important festival in many countries in Asia, and families begin celebrating on the New Year's Eve with a family dinner. The dinner is full of symbolic meaning. To Chinese for example, a whole chicken is prepared to symbolize "blessings for the whole family", lettuce represents "prosperity", seaweed for "good luck" and vegetables are to be eaten slowly to signify "longevity". Noodles are served uncut to represent long life.

Zodiac Signs:

The Chinese people believed in the 12 animal zodiac signs. The first set comprised of tamed animals, namely the Ox, Ram, Horse, Pig, Dog, and Rooster. These animals were said to symbolize a large family, luck, and well being. The second set included Tiger, Snake, Rabbit, Monkey and Rat. The Dragon belongs to the third set and represents luck and wealth. These twelve animal signs rotate every twelve years. The year when one is born determine what year he or she belongs to, which means a person encounters his animal sign once every twelve years.

For the Year 2006:

People who are born in the year of the dog (1946, 1958, 1970, 1982, 1994, 2006) are said to possess a stubborn nature, but are also known to be honest and trustworthy. They may seclude themselves at public events, but are considered loyal, great leaders, and are good at keeping secrets.



SAFETY FIRST!

OAPIA met with Commander McCoy of the 3rd Police District and discussed safety issues for the Vietnamese community and urged the 3rd District to report crime statistics to the Crime Victim Assistance Partnership (CVAP). Hien Vu Community Leader and Presidents of Vietnamese American Community Service Center (VACSC), Vietnamese residents, and two Crime Victim Assistance Program partners attended. It was agreed that the police will conduct a safety walk-through of the building; OAPIA will organize a safety workshop for the Vietnamese residents; and there will be a regular meeting between 3D Commander, OAPIA, CVAP and the community. 3D committed to submit crime reports to Crime Victims Assistance Program (CVAP) through Asian Liaison Unit so that CVAP can identify and provide assistance to API victims.

As a follow up of the meeting with 3D Commander, on January 19th, the safety walk-through was conducted at the building where the robberies happened many times to Vietnamese residents. Officers met with residents in the building as well as resident manager. Hien Vu, a community leader and President of VACSC along with OAPIA staff were also present.

At the meeting right after the walk-through with the Vietnamese residents, the participants came up with a plan on how to prevent crimes from happening again in the building.

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Police officers educated residents on how to make reports when there are crimes or suspicious activities in or around the building. OAPIA gave them information about Crime Victim Assistance Program.

The Police will return with Fire Marshall to check on the building. They will recommend some safety measures to the property owner. OAPIA and VACSC will help residents to communicate and follow up with the Police and Management on this matter. Hopefully a positive result will come from these coordinated efforts.

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EXECUTIVE DIRECTORS AND CBO STAFFS!

The DC Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) and our partners are offering **free** technical assistance training to community-based organizations (CBOs).

To help us get a better understanding of your capacity building needs, please provide us with your feedback on the types of technical assistance you need by filling out the training survey and returning it to Us by Monday, February 6, 2006. When we receive the surveys back and the results are analyzed, we will contact you on the details of the training seminars. We highly encourage all CBOs to take advantage of this exciting capacity building opportunity by sending at least one representative from your organization.

Please feel free to contact us if you have questions. We look forward to hearing from all of you and seeing you at the upcoming training!

Attention!

Technical Assistance Survey Form

OAPIA and our partners are offering technical assistance seminars to community-based organizations. Please check the types of training you and your staff want to see at the technical assistance seminar. Please return this form to our office by Monday, February 6, 2006. Thank you!

ORGANIZATION NAME: _____

I. GENERAL TOPICS

- ☐ Fundraising
 ☐ Grant writing
☐ Financial management and board development
☐ Program management and development
☐ Budgeting and budget development
☐ Develop a work plan: Goals, objectives and measurable outcomes
☐ Evaluation and data collection
☐ Funders panel
 ☐ Research
☐ Others (specify) _____

II. SPECIFIC TOPICS

For each of the topics you selected, please succinctly describe the specific need in that topic. (e.g. General topic: Fundraising; Specific topic: developing a fundraising plan)

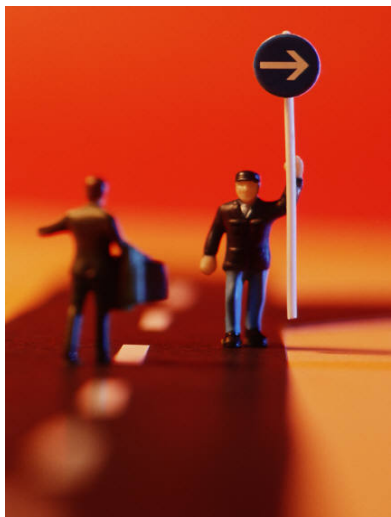
Topic 1:
 Topic 2:
 Topic 3:
 Topic 4:

III. BEST TIME FOR SEMINARS

Please rate from 1-4 your likelihood of attending the seminar for the following times. (1 being the most convenient time to attend and 4 being least convenient.)

- ☐ Weekdays (daytime)
 ☐ Weekdays (evenings)
☐ Weekends (daytime)
 ☐ Weekends (evenings)

**Please contact Kongphanh Santivong for further information (202) 727-5560.



API TASK FORCE>

<.....ON EDUCATION

On January 27, 2006, the Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (OAPIA) in collaboration with the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS) and community leaders hosted a luncheon to announce the creation of an Asian and Pacific Islander Task Force on Education. The event consisted of a short program of speeches followed by lunch and a meet and greet with over 150 participants from the API community, education focused organizations, DCPS and other DC government agencies. The Superintendent expressed his enthusiasm in working with the API community which was followed up by OAPIA Executive Director, Greg Chen's commitment to working with DCPS to improve the schools system.



The luncheon highlighted DCPS's commitment to collaborating with the API community, resulting from meetings and forums with the API community. On March 29, 2005, OAPIA coordinated a meeting with community leaders, the Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs (CAPIA) and the DCPS Superintendent and his staff to address issues facing the API community. As a follow-up to the March meeting, OAPIA coordinated another meeting with DCPS in November where the conveners established a task force for the purpose of improving DCPS's work with the API population and focusing on API-student issues.

The task force focus is community driven where decisions, suggestions and solutions will come from parents, students and community leaders. The community has engaged in dialogue with DCPS in the past, but this task force is a step toward action-oriented results from past dialogue. OAPIA's role in the task force is one of facilitation and administration. Parental involvement is a key issue the task force will address in the upcoming months. A recent report on Chinese parental involvement by OAPIA and the introduction of the Superintendent's Parent Resource Centers are key catalyst for the focus on parental involvement in the API community. The task force consists of:



[L-R] Greg Chen (OAPIA), Hien Vu (VACSC), Neel Saxena (OAPIA), Arnoldo Ramos (DCPS), Superintendent Janey (DCPS), and Richard Tagle (CAPIA)

Sandy Dang, Founder and Executive Director of Asian American LEAD
 Phu Diep, Teacher at Cordozo High School
 Hua Guo, Teacher at Seaton Elementary School
 Huyuh Nguyen, 12th grade student
 Tuan-Anh Nguyen, 10th grade student at McKinley Technology High School
 Arnoldo Ramos, Family and Community Engagement Specialist, Office of Civil Rights and Multicultural Affairs
 Neel Saxena, Language Access Specialist in the Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs
 Richard Tagle, Commissioner on the DC Commission of Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs and the Commission on Human Rights.
 Thao Vo, 11th grade student at Wilson High School
 Hien Vu, Founder and President of Vietnamese American Community Service Center
 Qiang Zheng, Parent of student at Jefferson Jr. High School

The API Education Task Force is dedicated to the improvement of the quality of public education and the academic improvement of all students, including APIs, in the District of Columbia's public school system. A goal of the task force is to strengthen and enhance our youth's future by building strong collaboration between DCPS, API organizations and parents.



[L-R] John Tinpe, Wylie Chen, Richard Tagle, Linh Hoang, and Mayor Williams at the Commission Swearing In Ceremony on January 24, 2006.

WELCOME NEW API COMMISSIONERS!

The Commission on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs welcomes Linh Hoang and Wylie Chen to the commission. Linh, a Vietnamese American, is a Financial Management Consultant with IBM, in addition to English; he speaks Vietnamese, Spanish and Italian. Wylie, a Chinese American, is a Program Director at the Children's Defense Fund and speaks Mandarin. Two current Commissioners, Richard Tagle and Raj Pahwa were sworn into the Commission on Human Rights and the Taxicab Commission respectively.

Proposal Writing Workshops: Pre-Kindergarten Incentive program

Proposal-Writing Workshop #1:
Writing Meaningful, Measurable Outcome Objectives
February 8, 2006
1:00 PM - 4:00 PM
717 14th Street, NW—8th Floor Conference Room

Proposal-Writing Workshop #2:
Researching and Analyzing Community Need
February 13, 2006
1:00 PM– 4:00 PM
717 14th Street, NW—8th Floor Conference Room

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These workshops are designed to assist prospective applicants for grant funding under the Pre-Kindergarten Incentive Program to craft successful competitive proposals. These workshops are open to the public, to the extent space is available.

DUE TO SPACE LIMITATIONS, PRE-REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED. CALL 202-727-3665 TO REGISTER. PLACEMENT IN THE WORKSHOP IS BASED ON THE ORDER IN WHICH REGISTRATIONS ARE RECEIVED.

Funding Alerts & Resources

Special Announcements

Mining for Gold – How to Read Foundation Tax Returns. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host an information session on how to read and understand foundation 990-PF forms. Kathy Jankowski, research director and publisher of GrantsDirect.com, will help you to understand how foundations operate by studying their gifts received, officers and directors, and the grants lists. It's not all about foundations giving to you; it's about you realizing how your organization intersects with their patterns of giving. The workshop will take place on February 13, 2006, from 10:00 a.m.-noon, at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Suite 1117. To register, contact Dawn Mitchell at (202) 727-8900 or dawn.mitchell@dc.gov.

Sustainable Funding For Your Mission. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* will host a free introductory session facilitated by Raising More Money. The session will provide an overview of a system for building sustainable funding for the mission of organizations from individual donors; how to leave a legacy of mission-centered individual giving; how to continuously identify and introduce ideal donors to organizations; and how to personally cultivate people to become lifelong donors. The session will be held on February 15, 2006, 2:00 p.m.-4:00 p.m., at One Judiciary Square, 441 4th Street, NW, Room 1107-N, Washington, DC 20001. To RSVP your attendance, you must register at: <http://sforce.raisingmoremoney.com/intros/midatlantic.htm>, scroll down to this session, and select "Register". For further information, contact Camille Ball: Camille.ball@raisingmoremoney.com.

Federal Opportunities

Assertive Adolescent and Family Treatment. *Department of Health and Human Services* announces funds to address gaps in substance abuse services and/or to increase the ability of States, units of local government, community-based, and faith-based organizations to help specific populations or geographic areas with serious, emerging substance abuse problems. Eligible applicants include city or township governments, county governments, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, nonprofit organizations, and private institutions of higher education. The deadline for applications is March 29, 2006. Approximately \$5,200,000 is available to fund 17 awards up to \$300,000. A match is required. For further information, contact Randolph Muck at (240) 276-1576 or randy.muck@samhsa.hhs.gov; or go to: http://www.samhsa.gov/Grants06/RFA/TI_06_007_adolescent.aspx. GrantID: GD935

Early Reading First Program. *Department of Education* announces funds to support local efforts to enhance the oral language, cognitive, and early reading skills of preschool-age children, especially those from low-income families, through strategies, materials, and professional development that are grounded in scientifically based reading research. Eligible applicants include independent school districts, public and state controlled institutions of higher education, private institutions of higher education, nonprofit, faith-based, and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is May 8, 2006. Approximately \$102,087,000 is available to fund 23 awards. For further information, contact Jill Stewart at (202) 260-2533 or jill.stewart@ed.gov; or go to: <http://www.grants.gov/search/search.do?mode=VIEW&oppId=7630>. This grant is subject to "Intergovernmental Review" under EO 12372. Please go to <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, Select "State Single Point of Contact" to comply. GrantID: GD936

District Opportunities

REVISED District of Columbia Renewable Energy Demonstration Project (REDP). *DC Energy Office* announces funds for the DC REDP, which has been developed to increase the awareness and use of renewable electricity generation technologies by District of Columbia residents, businesses, and institutions. The DC REDP will provide qualified applicants up to 50% of the costs associated with implementing a mechanism to produce electricity using a renewable source of fuel. Eligible applicants include individuals, organizations, businesses, schools, and public agencies. The deadline for applications has been changed to **March 3, 2006**. Approximately \$163,000 is available. The Pre-Application Conference has been rescheduled for **January 31, 2006**. For further information, contact LaKeisha Estep at (202) 671-1403; or go to: <http://opgd.dc.gov/opgd/cwp/view,a,1316,q,586841,opgdNav,|33041|.asp>. GrantID: GD909

Electronic Grants Clearinghouse. *The Mayor's Office of Partnerships and Grants Development* is the clearinghouse for the Government of the District of Columbia's grant programs. Notices and application packets are available for the following notices at: <http://opgd.dc.gov/>, select District Grants Clearinghouse.

Commission on the Arts and Humanities (CAH), New Media and Audio Artist Program, January 20, 2006, at 6:00 p.m. *Executive Office of the Mayor*, District Voting Rights Education Outreach, February 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. *State Education Agency*, Adult and Family Literacy Services Grant, February 3, 2006, at 5:00 p.m. *Department of Health*, 2006 Ryan White Title II, Housing Opportunities for People with AIDS (HOPWA), Vocational Employment Training, February 13, 2006, at 5:00 p.m.

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Department of Human Service, Unified Communications Center (UCC) Child Development Center Operation, February 17, 2006, at 2:00 p.m. Office of the Secretary, Escheated Estates Fund, March 31, June 30, September 29, and December 28, 2006.

Office of the Deputy Mayor for Planning and Economic Development, Commercial District Technical Assistance Program (CD-TAP), applications will be accepted on a rolling basis.

Foundation Opportunities

Criminal Justice Issues. *The Open Society Institute (OSI) announces funds to improve the fair administration of criminal justice in the U.S. The project awards grants in three areas affecting youth and adults in the criminal justice system: improving public defense services; death penalty reform; and racial profiling. Eligible applicants include nonprofit and community-based organizations. There is no deadline date for Letters of Inquiry. For further information, contact Karla Lopez at (212) 548-4666 or klopez@sorosny.org; or go to: http://www.soros.org/initiatives/justice/focus_areas/gideon. GrantID: GD939*

REMINDER. HOPE II. *Maryland Crime Victims' Resource Center, Inc. announces funds to establish subgrantee sites in urban, high crime areas across the U.S. Subawards will be used to: (1) increase the number of crime victims served in the target community; (2) increase training opportunities for service providers assisting victims of crime; and/or (3) increase the ability of agencies providing services to crime victims to collaborate and form networks with victim service agencies. Eligible applicants include faith-based and community-based organizations. The deadline for applications is January 31, 2006. Approximately 48 awards of up to \$50,000 are available. For further information, contact Natalie Sarfin at (301) 952-0063 or natalie@mdcrimevictims.org; or go to: <http://www.mdcrimevictims.org/>. GrantID: GD871*

Resources & Announcements

Creating a Grantseeking Calendar. *Grant Station is offering a free exercise to assist organizations to create a calendar that builds a grantseeking schedule around a set of projects or programs previously identified by the organization. To create a grantseeking calendar for this calendar year, go through the following exercises and fill out the worksheets at the website listed below. This will help organizations to focus on grantseeking for 2006. This week Grant Station will cover information that organizations should gather and in what format. For further instructions, go to: http://www.grantstation.com/Public/News_Views_px/trackstosuccess.html.*

Fannie Mae Foundation Fellowship Program in Affordable Housing. *The John F. Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University and the Fannie Mae Foundation are accepting applications to support the professional development of senior state and local government officials and nonprofit leaders committed to affordable housing in the U.S. The fellowship program will enhance the management and decision-making skills of accomplished leaders experienced in managing housing and community development programs. The deadline for applications is March 31, 2006. For further information, go to: http://www.fanniemaefoundation.org/grants/kennedy_school.shtml.*

The Purpose Prize Awards for Americans Leading with Experience. *Civic Ventures announces the Purpose Prize Award to Americans over 60 whose creativity, talent and experience is transforming the way our nation addresses critical social problems. The application deadline is February 28, 2006. Approximately 5 awards up to \$100,000 are available, and sixty semi-finalists will receive national recognition for their work. For further information, go to: <http://www.leadwithexperience.org/prize/>.*

Youth-Led Social Change Projects. *YouthActionNet will present awards to youth leaders and emerging projects that promote social change and connect youth with local communities. To be eligible, youth-led projects should have clearly defined goals and the potential for growth or further replication. Final selections will be made following a peer-review process in which previous award winners select the next round of awardees. The deadline for applications is April 15, 2006. Award recipients will receive \$500 and will be eligible to participate in an international capacity-building workshop. For further information, go to: http://www.youthactionnet.org/yan_awards.*

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